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Emboff delivered the fact sheet on President Bush's new international climate change framework initiative (ref A) to Jimena Nasif and Miriam Siles from the ministry of foreign affair's office of multilateral relations on June 13. During the same meeting, Emboff also discussed the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC) to be held in March 2008 (ref B). Nasif responded that the foreign affairs ministry would review President Bush's proposal and would raise the issue of WIREC with the relevant ministries to encourage participation and determine which ministry would take the lead on the issue. Nasif noted that the ministry of development planning would likely have that role, as it is already considering the issue of climate change. Other possible WIREC participants include the ministry of hydrocarbons, the vice ministry of electricity and alternative energies, and the ministry of agriculture. However, Nasif noted the high probability that particular ministers and vice ministers currently in charge of those areas would change prior to March 2008.

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